

The Southeast News

VOLUME XI, NUMBER 3

JANUARY 1963



Rev. William M. Fulmer Ordained To Ministry

The Reverend William M. Fulmer, pastor of the Watson's Chapel Congregational Christian Church, Eclectic, Alabama, was ordained to the Christian Ministry on Sunday, December 2, 1962.

In the picture above are, from left to right, Rev. Andrew Nelson, moderator of the Central Association, Mrs. G. F. Logan, chairman of the Committee on the Ministry, Mr. Fulmer, Rev. Harold C. Henderson, pastor of the Montgomery United Church, and Rev. George R. Watson, retired minister of the association.

A native of Alabama, Mr. Fulmer is a graduate of Auburn University and has a master's degree in sociology from the University of Alabama. Transferring to the Congregational Christian Churches from the Methodist Church, he was licensed to preach by the Central Association in 1961. The association voted to grant him conference ordination during the annual sessions of 1962.

Participating in the service in addition to those pictured above were Rev. G. G. Norris, pastor of the Mt. Creek Church, Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., superintendent of the Southeast Convention, Mr. Fred Powell, vice-moderator of the association and a member of the Mt. Olive Church, and Rev. John Wilderm, pastor of the Mt. Olive

Rev. Karlton C. Johnson New Regional Secretary

The Reverend Karlton C. Johnson has been called to the position of Secretary for the Southern Region Office of the Stewardship Council of the United Church. His office will be in the Decatur Federal Building, 250 East Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur, Georgia.

For the past eight years Mr. Johnson has served the Congregational Christian Churches of New York State as Minister of Stewardship and Missions. His work was primarily that of promoting and interpreting the mission enterprises of the denomination.

Mr. Johnson began his duties as Regional Secretary on January 1, 1963. He has already moved into his new office and is ready to work with the churches and the organizations of the denomination in the area.

The states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee, and Kentucky are in the Southern Region. At the present time the Southern Convention, Convention of the South, Florida Conference, Texas Synod, Southern Synod, Central South Conference, and the Southeast Convention are involved. As United Church Conferences are formed in the area the number of bodies involved will be cut.

The new regional secretary will work with the churches and the various organizations in the area with the primary responsibility of interpreting and promoting the total mission program

Church.

Following the service a reception was held to honor Mr. Fulmer by the host church. Delicious refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

Mr. Fulmer served as the interim minister of the new United Church in Montgomery until the first full-time pastor, Rev. Harold C. Henderson, was called.



of the United Church.

For nearly 20 years he had a colorful and varied career in southern Africa. During the first six years, with Port Elizabeth as his base, he spent 75 per cent of his time traveling up and down the sub-continent, from Cape Town to the Congo and from Namaqualand to Zululand. As the Assistant General Secretary of the South African National Sunday School Association, his work was exclusively in the field of Christian Education.

In 1936 he settled in Johannesburg, where he became the Executive Secretary of the Johannesburg Sunday School Union. In 1938 he began to devote part time to literacy work and became organizer of Non-European Libraries for the city of Johannesburg.

Mr. Johnson is married to the former Helen Gardiner. They have two children, Bruce and Elizabeth. The family will be divided until the end of the school year, at which time they will make their home in the Atlanta area.

Mr. Johnson has been a pastor, teacher, and lecturer during his career in addition to his other activities.

Churches Urged Participate One Great Hour Of Sharing

It is distressing that in the midst of prosperity we must anticipate and prepare for tragedy. Yet we know that in this year, 1963, millions of people face the stark inevitability of hunger, exposure, the helplessness of dispossession. We know that these people will be unable to help themselves.

Because the church can anticipate this tragedy it must, in Christian love, prepare to meet it. It is for this purpose that the United Church of Christ joins other major denominations in the One Great Hour of Sharing (March 24).

In 1962 the United Church of Christ gave \$740,000.00 through One Great Hour of Sharing. This represented a 10% increase over the giving in 1961. But even though the appeal showed a decided increase over the previous year, there were still only 53% of our churches participating! The 15th anniversary of the One Great Hour appeal in 1963 is an appropriate time to hope that every local church will join in this response of compassion.

Here are two major areas where, in 1962, the One Great Hour of Sharing money was put to work:

The United Church of Christ was one of the first to respond to the Iranian earthquake disaster. Because of the OGHS we were ready with food, clothing, medicine. We are now involved in rebuilding an entire Iranian village.

In Algeria today over half of the population is in a state of hunger and exposure. Returning refugees find no work, no homes, no schools. The United Church, with other denominations, is giving what aid it can. 93,000 Algerians are being employed in a tree planting project which not only furnishes employment, but also reclaims vast wastelands that are vital to the future of Algeria. Payment for work on this project is made in food and clothing.

Our church provides in such projects as these a steady flow of food, medicine, drugs, and hope to areas around the world where people are in need.

Christian love, as demonstrated by One Great Hour of Sharing, is a powerful witness in our troubled world. It is a Christian axiom that "If you care, you share."

REMEMBER — ONE GREAT HOUR
OF SHARING — MARCH 24, 1963.

**EXTEND YOUR HORIZONS
READ YOUR
CHURCH MAGAZINES**

Southern Union College News

Walter A. Graham, President

REGISTRATION for the Winter Quarter is now complete, our efficient Registrar L. L. James reporting the final figure to be 186, an approximate 13% increase over the enrollment for the same period last year. This is the 6th quarter in a row to show increase.

LOSS OF THE 1961 9-PASSENGER FORD STATION WAGON, the first new car ever owned by the college, on November 30 by fire was a blow to all of us at the college. Happily, no one was injured although the car was a total loss. The settlement by the insurance company was for \$2050 and at least \$1000 more will be needed to replace it, \$200 of which has already been contributed by folks who had visited the campus and ridden in the car.

A GIFT OF \$1000 by the Churchmen's Fellowship of IOWA was used as a down payment for a Falcon extra-duty Club Wagon, also an 8-passenger machine, the order going in before the loss mentioned above. Financing of the balance with our local bank has been arranged and this will make possible adequate transportation for the basketball and baseball teams, also the Southern Union Singers, and other college groups.

THE OFFER TO MOVE TO ALEXANDER CITY, mentioned in the October HIGHLIGHTS, was declined at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees held in November; at the meeting and by mail ballot, 19 of the 21 trustees voted, all being unanimous not to accept the offer. The action is reported more fully in the current issue, back page, of the SUC NEWS.

A BRAND NEW LATE EDITION OF A LARGE DICTIONARY was purchased and presented to the college by the Student Council in honor of our fine librarian, Mrs. Dorothy Cash Hicks. The presentation was made at a recent chapel and the gift has been welcomed by all.

THE BISONS, 1962-1963 basketball team, are having a good season, the record being 3-4 thus far. Several games have been won or lost by one or two points and anyone seeing the games has received far more than his money's worth. Coach Rochelle and his squad represent the college in a fine way and look good in their new uniforms. Snead, our greatest rival, was defeated in Wadley, their first of the year, by 61 to 60.

THE TWO ROOMS IN THE ADMIN-

Ten Commandments For Church Etiquette

I. Thou shalt not come to service late, nor for the Amen refuse to wait.

II. Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain, when speaks the organ its refrain.

III. And when the hymns are sounded out, thou shalt join in, not look about.

IV. The endmost seat thou shalt leave free, for more to share the pew with thee.

V. Forget not thou the offering plate, nor let the usher stand and wait.

VI. Thou shalt not make the pew a place, to vainly decorate thy face.

VII. Thou shalt give heed to worship well, and not in thine own business dwell.

VIII. Thou shalt the Sabbath not misuse, nor come to church to take thy snooze.

IX. 'Tis well in church thy friend to meet, but let thy ardor be discreet.

X. Be friendly at the church's door, so shall the stranger love God more.

By Arthur J. Laughlin
From the N. C. Lutheran

ISTRATION BUILDING, formerly composing the reading room and stacks for the library, have been completely renovated by student labor, supervised and assisted by Grounds and Buildings Superintendent Harold Bates and Assistant Carl Campbell, and are now being used as class rooms, relieving the crowded condition.

THE MCCLINTOCK LIBRARY continues to be the show place of the campus, especially the red-carpeted, red-chaired conference room. The Student Council meets there each Monday night and President Tim Vickers reports that the room is so comfortable and enticing that it is difficult to adjourn the sessions. The Student Council is doing a fine job this year.

THE SOUTHERN UNION SINGERS, directed by Beaman Griffin and accompanied by Peggy Hammock, Dean of Men and Women, respectively, also Director of Music and first full professor of math, respectively, presented the full program on a Sunday night at the First Baptist Church in Roanoke. The auditorium was packed to hear the Christmas music.

WHEN YOU ARE IN OUR AREA,
BE SURE TO STOP BY AND SEE ALL
THE CHANGES THAT ARE BEING
MADE. THANKS SO MUCH.

World Day Of Prayer First Friday In March

For more than seventy-five years, women of the major Protestant and Orthodox communions have engaged in an annual observance of the World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in Lent. With "prayer and giving for a world-wide mission of the church as its primary purpose," it has brought people together across denominational, racial, national, and cultural boundaries "to pray for the needs of the world and to make an offering for the carrying out of the Church's mission across the world."

The Guide for World Day of Prayer Committees reminds us that this observance is truly world-wide in character. The same basic service is used by groups in approximately 150 countries, providing a splendid opportunity for fellowship at a deep level with Christians throughout the world.

If it is to be true to its traditional purpose and meaning, the World Day of Prayer observance should have five elements: First, an awareness of and a commitment to the reality and power of prayer. Second, a concern for the need of all peoples for the message of the Christian faith. Third, it should be open to all, whatever the denominational, racial, national, or cultural distinctions; participation of all persons of a community is actively encouraged. Fourth, the same theme and service are used as the basis for world-wide planning and observance of the day. Fifth, gifts are made for the united outreach of the church through interdenominational efforts related to the mission divisions of the National Council of Churches.

"More Than Conquerors" is the theme for the 1963 observance, with the service being written by Christian women of Korea. Although specific projects are determined by an allocations committee, they are all interdenominational in scope and are concerned with the following areas: Christian colleges for women; hospitality for foreign students studying in our country; Christian literature for women and children of Asia, Africa, and Latin America; seminars in Christian home and family life in Africa; Christian centers for the study of non-Christian religions; exchange of Christian personnel in international meetings; migrant ministry; Christian ministry to churches and communities in transition; ministry to Indian Americans.

Basic packets are available for those

"Members One Of Another" New Filmstrip Available

A recent addition to the Southeast Convention's audio-visual library is the 58-frame, full-color filmstrip, "Members One of Another". Prepared for use by groups considering various aspects of personal religious living and of relationships between persons, this filmstrip is "an allegorical presentation of the truth that life is good when persons enter into each other's worlds."

"Once upon a time, and at all times, a man stood at the gate of his life." Thus the story begins. Some people he invited in to share his life; on others he turned his back. "Once in a while he would open his gate and he and another person would really be together—not just alongside one another. This kind of relationship added real joy to his life so he tried getting to know other people. But he had to learn how, and it was not always easy. Sometimes he did not put his real self forward, and sometimes other people were not willing to admit him into their lives.

"As the man thought about these experiences, he realized that life is good when persons enter into each other's worlds and give their complete attention to one another. This is the way God intends for persons to relate to one another, to be 'members one of another'".

Reading scripts are included both for children and for adults, though it should not be used for children below the junior age level. In every case, it must be thoroughly previewed before showing, and should be used only with discussion.

"Members One of Another" is available on loan to any of our churches, for the price of return postage, but should be scheduled well in advance to avoid disappointment.

communities of churches contemplating a World Day of Prayer observance. Send 75c for one packet, or two; 65c for three or more to one address to the Office of Publication and Distribution, Box 323, Cathedral Station, New York 25, New York. Basic packets should be ordered immediately so as to provide adequate time for preparation. Then, if additional materials are desired, the order for these must be in the New York office not later than February 15.

Why not engage with other women in planning a community-wide observance of the World Day of Prayer, March 1, 1963?

Average Member Gifts United States Churches

Protestants and Eastern Orthodox of 46 bodies gave a record total in 1961 of \$2,708,722,264 to their churches, according to the annual report of the National Council of Churches Department of Stewardship and Benevolence. For 43 bodies whose figures can be compared to the previous year, the 1961 totals constituted an increase of 4.8 per cent. Foreign missions giving was up 8.1 per cent.

Here is how denominations compared in per capita giving.

Evangelical Free Church	\$341
Free Methodist Church	295
Wesleyan Methodist Church	239
Pilgrim Holiness Church	199
Brethren in Christ Church	193
Evangelical Covenant Church	180
Orthodox Presbyterian	167
Ohio Yearly Friends Meeting	157
Evangelical Mennonite	149
Church of the Nazarene	144
United Brethren in Christ	141
Church of God (Anderson, Ind.)	130
Pentecostal Holiness	119
General Conference Mennonite	113
Baptist General Conference	111
Reformed Church in America	109
Presbyterian Church U. S.	105
Lutheran, Missouri Synod	101
Moravian, Northern Province	91
Evangelical Congregational	91
Augustana Evangelical Lutheran	89
United Presbyterian USA	88
Evangelical and Reformed	80
United Lutheran in America	76
American Evangelical Lutheran	75
Congregational Christian	74
Lutheran Free Church	73
Church of the Brethren	73
American Lutheran	73
Associate Reformed Presbyterian	72
Churches of God in N. America	71
Synod of Evan. Lutheran	71
Suomi Lutheran Synod	71
Wis. Evangelical Lutheran Synod	70
American Baptist Convention	69
Evangelical Lutheran Synod	68
Protestant Episcopal Church	68
Evangelical United Brethren	68
Brethren Church (Ashland, O.)	68
Disciples of Christ	65
Cumberland Presbyterian	63
Seventh Day Baptist General Conf.	61
The Methodist Church	57
Moravian, Unity of Brethren	55
Southern Baptist Convention	50

The Congregational Christian Churches are well on down the list with an average of \$74. Where does your church stand? How do you and your family measure up?

THE SOUTHEAST NEWS

Second-class Postage Paid at
Atlanta, Georgia

Published monthly by and for
the churches of the

SOUTHEAST CONVENTION

of Congregational Christian Churches
(The United Church of Christ)

673 Piedmont Avenue N. E.

Atlanta, Ga. TRinity 4-2558
Single Subscription \$1.50 per year
Group Subscription \$1.00 per year

STAFF

Rev. Jas. H. Lightbourne, Jr. Editor
Mrs. Jettie Logan Promotion

Printed by The Roanoke Leader,
Roanoke, Alabama

Volume XI Jan. 1963 Number 3

Superintendent's Corner

Perhaps it is still so now. Several years ago the motorist traveling through New England would encounter road signs with the following message:

DANGER, THICKLY SETTLED

Of course the sign referred to the fact that the motorist was passing through an area with many homes close together along the highway. A seminary friend, however, placed a different interpretation on it and used it for a sermon topic.

My friend suggested that the sign could mean the people who lived there were so settled in their accustomed way of doing things they were not willing to consider any kind of change. It brings to mind the old refrain, "This is the way we've always done it, and this is the way we'll always do it."

How about you and your church—are you in danger of being too thickly settled? The New Year is at hand—the time for a fresh start!

Superintendent's Schedule

January 6 — Crossville, Tenn.
January 8 — Convention Social Action Committee, Chattanooga
January 13 — Ordination Service, Circular Church, Charleston, S. C.
January 15-16 — Board of Directors, Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C.
January 20, 11 A. M. — Community Church, Seman, Alabama
3 P. M. — Ordination Service, Elder Church, Dadeville, Alabama
January 21 — Committee Meetings, Atlanta
January 22 — Southeast Convention Board of Directors, Atlanta
January 25-31 — United Church Assembly, Cincinnati, Ohio

United Church Tours For Church Members

On February 11, as has been the custom for many years, fifteen local church pastors and just plain local church members will visit Puerto Rico on one of the least publicized but most popular of United Church Tours. Two months later, two larger groups will travel through the southern U. S. on similar tours; and before the end of October one hundred United Church men and women will have visited, among other places, Colorado, the Hawaiian Islands, several capitals of Europe and the Near East, and some of the new nations of Africa.

"It's almost dangerous to advertise these tours," says Dr. Nelson C. Dreier, Secretary of Tours for the Stewardship Council, under whose auspices the annual study-and-pleasure trips are made available to all United Church members. "The fact is the tours offer opportunities for meeting with people and leaders of other countries that would otherwise be completely impossible. The tours are usually over-subscribed and we have to turn away late comers every year."

This year the program's newest tour will enable twenty pastors and lay leaders to visit Africa, where, for a total cost of \$1,850 per person, the group will visit four important regions in the vast continent as well as make brief visits to Greece, Turkey, Palestine, and at least five capitals of Europe.

The least expensive of the tours will take United Church members to see all the scenic wonders and our church work in Colorado for \$175. The next least expensive tour will be through the southern U. S., beginning April 16, for a total cost of \$190. The tour to Puerto Rico, in February, will cost \$290 per person and includes a side excursion to the Virgin Islands. The Hawaii Tour, which is scheduled for June 21, will cost \$690 per person. All rates are appreciably lower than those offered by the commercial travel bureaus for tours with comparable accommodations.

The first church tours of this type were offered more than thirty years ago to members of the Congregational Christian Churches. Ten years ago the Evangelical and Reformed Church inaugurated national and international tours so that ministers and laymen might combine their study of church-sponsored missions with interesting side

trips to the more usual tourist attractions.

Since that time thousands of churchmen have taken advantage of these tours, and the demand is steadily increasing. This year Dr. Dreier, from whom all information regarding the tours may be obtained, expects at least one hundred persons to join in the six tours now offered by the United Church of Christ. He may be addressed in care of the Stewardship Council, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia 2, Pa.

THE TOURS

Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands

This tour will be February 11-22, 1963.

Cost: \$290.00 New York and return by jet

Leader: Rev. John E. Trnka, Secretary for Christian Enlistment, Stewardship Council

Colorado — General Synod Tour

This tour is for delegates and visitors to the General Synod and will include scenic, educational, and church points of interest. July 12-21, 1963

Cost: \$175 Denver and return

For Information: Write Dr. Robert W. Inglis, 3380 Bellaire, Denver 7, Colo.

Hawaii — Fruits of the Mission

Dates: June 21-July 2, 1963

Cost: \$690.00 from Los Angeles and return

Leader: Mr. Leroy Eide, Western Regional Secretary of the Stewardship Council

Our missions carried the Christian religion to Hawaii in 1820. Our churches, self-supporting for almost 100 years, have had a profound influence on education, community responsibility, culture, political maturity, and the wonderful "Aloha" spirit. Join this tour and see Hawaii for yourself in fellowship with Christian friends.

Tour To New Nations

Africa — Europe — Near East

Cost: \$1,850.00

Tour Leader: Rev. Theodore S. Horvath, Secretary, Information and Interpretation, Stewardship Council

Consultant: Rev. Chester L. Marcus, Africa Secretary, Board of World Ministries

People ...

Churches ...

Events ...

News Of Ministers

Rev. W. W. Elder

The Reverend W. W. Elder, for many years a chaplain in the United States Navy and a former pastor of the Lanett, Ala., Congregational Christian Church, has retired as minister of the Jones Chapel Church, Woodbury, Georgia. Dr. Elder has had a long and distinguished career as a minister. Dr. and Mrs. Elder make their home in Concord, Georgia.

* * * *

Rev. Harold W. Freer

The Rev. Harold W. Freer, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church of Crossville, Tenn., for the past five and a half years, resigned, effective January 1, 1963, to become the pastor of the Congregational Christian Church in Maize, Kansas.

In addition to serving the church, Mr. Freer will continue his Spiritual Life Clinic with its prayer life movement and also will serve as field representative of the Disciplined Order of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Freer and their son and daughter, Arthur and Deidre, now make their home in Kansas. They will be missed from the Southeast Convention.

* * * *

Rev. Melvin Dollar

The Reverend Melvin Dollar, pastor of the United Church of Mission Village, San Diego, Calif., and a former pastor of both the Southern and the Southeast Conventions, resigned, effective January 1, 1963.

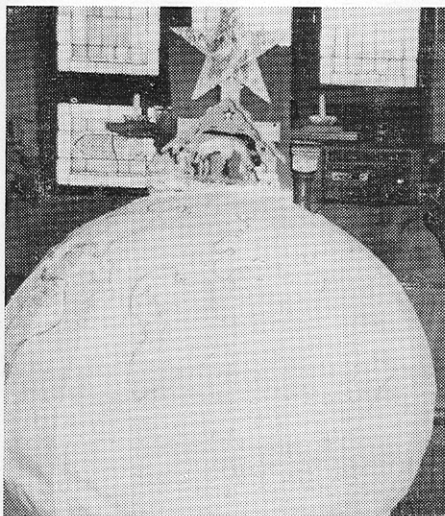
Mr. Dollar has been called to the staff of the Florida Congregational Christian Conference as Minister of Church Extension.

* * * *

Rev. Lowell A. Smoot

The Reverend Lowell A. Smoot, who for three and a half years has been pastor of the United Congregational Christian Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, has resigned to become pastor of a new church project in the new city of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, about eight miles north of West Palm Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Smoot and their two children, Miriam and Lowell A. II, moved to their new home January 1.



HERE AND THERE

Columbus United

In the picture above is the globe of the world with the manger scene on top. This was used at the Christmas Candlelight Service of the United Church, Columbus, Ga. Rev. W. S. Wood is the minister.

* * * *

Georgia Council Of Churches

Superintendent James H. Lightbourne, Jr. was elected president of the Georgia Council of Churches at its annual meeting held at Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Ga., on November 20.

This was the Tenth Anniversary Meeting of the Council. Rev. Edward A. Driscoll, a minister of our Georgia-South Carolina Conference, is the Executive Secretary of the Council.

* * * *

The Rev. Harold C. Henderson was installed as pastor of the United Church, Montgomery, Ala., by Supt. J. H. Lightbourne Jr., at services held on Sunday, December 2.

* * * *

The Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Slater are proud grandparents. Their daughter, Betty, and her husband, Dr. Thomas Odom, are the parents of Stephen Arnold Odom, born Nov. 28. Dr. and Mrs. Odom are making their home in Fort Collins, Colo., where he will begin his

SUBSCRIBE TO

THE SOUTHEAST NEWS

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Scott Morris Jr.

Dear Lord, we ask for daily bread,
But Thou hast given more;
A psalmist's feast, before us spread,
Displays Thy richest store.
Thy grace has known no bound nor end
In granting our requests;
Bounteous harvests Thou dost send,
Earth's treasures, Thy bequests.

Lord, others ask for daily bread,
Yet harvests are not sent;
Before their eyes no feast is spread
To give them heart's content.
Petitions they do make to Thee,
To seek Thy aid and grace;
Yet, Thy rich favor is not free;
Dost from them hide Thy face?

Dear Lord, we ask for daily bread,
And when Thou givest more,
Teach us Thy gifts are ever shed
On us from shore to shore;
That we may share Thy work with
Thee,
As stewards of Thy grace,
And share with others gifts so free,
That they may see Thy face.

The poem above was written by a former minister of the Southeast Convention, Mr. Scott Morris Jr., who is now a teacher living in Moultrie, Ga.

medical practice.

* * * *

The Rev. Bion T. Rockwell, who was a Licentiate of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference while a student at Vanderbilt Divinity School, was ordained to the Christian Ministry and installed as pastor of the West Adrian (Michigan) Church on Sunday, November 25, 1962.

* * * *

Christian Social Action Institute

A Christian Social Action Institute, sponsored by the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church for the southern area of our fellowship, will be held at the Florida Conference Center, Avon Park, Florida, February 12-14.

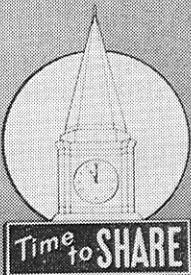
For information and registration, write to:

Rev. Arthur L. Teikamis
First Congregational Church
225 Interlachen Avenue South
Winter Park, Florida

THE SOUTHEAST NEWS
673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Second Class Postage Paid
at Atlanta, Georgia

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Division of World Service • Board for World Ministries

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

475 Riverside Drive • New York 27, New York